



**MINUTES OF
RECREATION & PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2008**

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DATE: Thursday, November 13, 2008
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Room 360, City Hall, Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street, Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Joe Restagno, Commissioners Lola Brown, Mike Cooper, Jo Kahuanui (late), Gina Mariani, and Bill Sonneman

Staff: Dale Lillard, Director
John McDonald, Park Manager (PM)

Absent: Chair Terri Ogden

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. Nomination and Selection of Chair
- B. Nomination and Selection of Vice Chair

M/S/C **MARIANI/BROWN** (approved)

“That Elections be tabled until the December 2008 Recreation & Park Commission Meeting.”

Approved (5): Restagno, Brown, Cooper, Mariani, Sonneman
Absent (2): Ogden, Kahuanui (late)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of Minutes:

- September 11, 2008 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting

M/S/C **KAHUANUI/BROWN** (approved)

“That the September 11, 2008 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting Minutes be approved.”

Approved (4): Brown, Cooper, Kahuanui, Restagno
Abstention (2): Mariani, Sonneman
Absent (1): Ogden

- October 9, 2008 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting

M/S/C KAHUANUI/MARIANI (approved)

“That the October 9, 2008 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting Minutes be approved.”

Approved (4): Brown, Kahuanui, Mariani, Sonneman
Abstention (2): Cooper, Restagno
Absent (1): Ogden

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

(Any person may address the Commission in regard to any matter over which the Commission has jurisdiction or of which it may take cognizance that is not on the agenda.)

None.

5. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Review and Discussion of Drought Field Use Policy – (Discussion/Action Item)

Director Lillard and PM McDonald provided an update on the conditions of the fields during the drought restriction. Staff is recommending that the Drought Field Use Policy stay in effect until February 2009 when EBMUD will have their water readings.

PM McDonald stated that when the restrictions are lifted, we need to be careful because the requests from outside leagues to use our fields have drastically increased. Outside/non-resident single groups are not as much of a concern as the outside/non-resident league field users/requests.

M/S/C SONNEMAN/MARIANI (approved)

“That the Drought Field Use Policy continues until February 2009. In February 2009 the policy will be reviewed again.”

Approved (6): Restagno, Brown, Cooper, Kahuanui, Mariani, Sonneman
Absent (1): Ogden

8. REPORTS FROM RECREATION COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

A. Park Division

See November 5, 2008 Activity Report.

B. Recreation Division

See November 5, 2008 Activity Report.

Upcoming Events:

Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting - Saturday, December 6th from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Breakfast with Santa – Saturday, December 13th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

C. Mastick Senior Center

See November 5, 2008 Activity Report.

D. Other Reports and Announcements

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

Director Lillard gave the Commission an update on current budget status of the Recreation and Park Department.

- Mastick will not be closed.
- Cuts are being considered for FY 2009-10 (anywhere from 5% to 10%).
- Measure P was passed which may help with the budget crisis.

Director Lillard stated that he would never recommend closing anything. There would be shared reductions (e.g., Reduce numbers of days open at the pool, teen center, Mastick, etc.).

Commissioner Sonneman asked what the decision making process is when making possible cuts. Director Lillard stated that the process begins with the individual departments, and then it is taken to the Finance Director, who then takes it to the City Manager, and then ultimately the suggested cuts go to the Council. Most suggested cuts by the Department are accepted by the Council. But, there have been occasions where Council does not accept the suggested cuts. Ultimately it is a Council decision, but it goes through many layers before it gets to them.

Director Lillard discussed the Interim Management of the Corica Golf Complex with the Commission to let them know of the possible effects to the Recreation and Park Department. The contract will affect our Park Maintenance Workers. There will be some Golf Maintenance Workers who will bump the Park Maintenance Workers out of a job. The Recreation and Park Department will have the same number of positions, but some Park Maintenance Workers will be bumped/laid-off due to the turnover to Kemper. Commissioners may see some new faces out in the field.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

December Meeting – Discussion of possible projects for East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Measure WW Funds.

11. SET DAY FOR NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 11, 2008

12. ADJOURNMENT